



UPPER COLORADO RIVER
FIRE AND AVIATION MANAGEMENT UNIT

BLM - NORTHWEST DISTRICT
BLM - SOUTHWEST DISTRICT
USFS - WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

INTERAGENCY



OCTOBER 18, 2018

Press Contact: Rick Truex, Acting District Ranger, 303-910-0975

Firefighters responding to wildfire north of Sweetwater Lake

Fire: Johnny Myers Fire

Containment: 0%

Acres: 81

Start Date: Oct. 18, 2018

Cause: Unknown

Location: 2 miles north/northwest of Sweetwater Lake, 14 miles northwest of Dotsero

Total Personnel: 13

Fuels/Topography: grass, mountain shrub and sagebrush, Pinyon juniper

Update: Engines, firefighters and a helicopter are responding to an active wildfire burning north of Sweetwater Lake on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District in Garfield County. The Johnny Myers Fire was called in late in the morning on Oct. 18. Three engines and a helicopter are on scene and actively responding. The helicopter is conducting water bucket drops to slow and check fire spread while firefighters on the ground are working to establish an anchor point to begin perimeter control. Additional crews are expected to arrive tomorrow.

"Fuel conditions are extremely variable across the District," said Rick Truex, acting Eagle-Holy Cross District Ranger. "While snow is visible at high elevations, there is still potential for fire at lower elevations. We are asking the public and hunters to avoid the area while firefighters work to suppress this fire."

Closures: No evacuations or closures are in place at this time, however public is asked to avoid the area.

Smoke: Smoke may be visible from the Colorado River Road.

No Fly Zone: Aerial operations are ongoing. Please refrain from flying drones in the area. Remember, if you fly, we can't.